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SUBJECT: MILLENIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT COUNTRY DATA, SRI LANKA

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1. The Embassy received a fax from the Department of Fiscal Policy and Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance, Sri Lanka responding to our request for data required for the Millennium Challenge Account. All figures are in millions of Sri Lankan Rupees. Data within parenthesis indicate deficits. The Ministry of Finance has used the 2001 Central Bank of Sri Lanka Annual Report as its data source.

2. Overall budget balance (including grants) as per Government Finance Statistics published by the IMF.

1999: Rs (76,493)

2000: Rs (119,396)

2001: Rs (146,722)

3. Total Government expenditure on health:

1999: Rs 15,671

2000: Rs 20,698

2001: Rs 18,772

4. Total government expenditure on education.

1999: Rs 29,294

2000: Rs 30,929

2001: Rs 28,286

Note: (Data on primary education is not available separately)

5. Nominal GDP in millions of rupees:

1999: Rs 1,105,963

2000: Rs 1,257,634

2001: Rs 1,400,180

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